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THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE BALL GO ROUND

The eighteenth season of national soccer was heralded in with Parramatta Eagles 2-0 victory over fellow Sydneysiders, Sydney United, in a League Cup final which was anything but a showcase for soccer. The game was generally too rushed and scrappy to offer connoisseurs anything but in the end the Eagles go into the record books as deserved winners of their second League Cup – with coach Rale Rasic just one ahead with three wins to his personal credit.

On the transfer scene Morwell Falcons surprised everybody by snaring John Markovski. Just when coach Bobby McLachlan was getting a reputation for being 'mean' – or is that just good at value-for-money transfers – the Falcons burst the bank to bring home Markovski, easily the most expensive purchase the club has made.

Markovski gives the Falcons a couple of cover options, either on the left or in an out and out striker's role. McLachlan was pipped in the race to sign Dutch player Freddy Kruys and Markovski might have fitted the left midfield role well but for another McLachlan piece of shrewdness – the bargain signing of Joe Galletti from Canberra. It is important that the standard of the League is raised overall for Australian soccer to continue its rapid progression and the lead shown by Morwell, a club few would have expected to show the way in the transfer stakes, is a guide to other clubs. Good players don't always cost the earth, but some do – and Big John's signing will almost certainly be repaid through the turnstiles.

The desire to succeed at League level is apparent with the initiatives shown by Melbourne Brunswick United (The Pumas), Sydney United and now the latest of new-look clubs, the Brisbane Strikers. Coach Bruce Stowell is confident that his re-shaped squad can shake of the 'easybeats' tag that haunted them last season and their new name won't be a millstone.

On the international front the news that Maradona is definitely on his way for the World Cup clash has caused the expected media controversy. Despite being one of the best players in the modern era Maradona has let himself down as a human being. Failure to honour contracts, a dis-regard for any club loyalty, cheating on the field of play and a criminal conviction for drug abuse have all saddened most sportsfans the world over.

The decision by the Australian government to allow Maradona a visa – at a time when the Italian authorities wish to bring him to trial over drug trafficking charges – is a real stormer.

No doubt soccer will benefit from all the extra publicity that the Argentinian's trip to Australia will bring, but we should be careful not to paint a picture of the perfect sportsman – that is one thing that Diego Maradona, a truly brilliant little player, is clearly not.

Tales and stories of Diego Maradona will fill the sports pages in the next ten days before Australia and Argentina do battle for a place in the World Cup Finals. Hopefully, the story will have a happy ending and the Coca-Cola Socceroos can overcome the huge odds that stand between them and a place in the sun.

So, this weekend the League season proper kicks off and club officials will be hoping for a continuation of the increase in crowd figures that was evident last season.

On the television front SBS have announced a very exciting new package for the season and if the new programmes show up as well as the re-wrapped Match of the Day show, then we are all in for a treat.

See you at the match!

United We Stand

There Is A Growing Determination To See Top Class Football At Edensor Park Once More – John White reports for Simply Soccer

In its various guises throughout the years Sydney United has often been a pacesetter in Australian soccer.

Yet, it would be true to say that that contribution has been largely ignored by the majority of the soccer public.

A combination of insular club politics plus the grim

realities of the current war-torn tragedy in Croatia and Serbia has resulted in a general shunning of anything to do with that part of the world by the mainstream Australian sporting public.

But the good news for Aussie soccer is that the new regime at Edensor is fully aware of that situation, and

they are determined to do something about it.

Newly elected club President Ivan Simic confesses to getting in way above his head.

"When you told me that I was crazy for getting involved I didn't realise that you were right," said Simic.

"But all of the committee is enjoying that involvement.

"We are determined to build the club up to be a main force in Australian soccer.

"In the past, other club committees have made many mistakes. That was probably because they didn't possess any real business acumen.

"Although they did their very best they really weren't equipped to run the club as a business and that is exactly



what it is."

Simic, a successful businessman in his own right, has gathered together a board which is not only young (in soccer terms) but has the necessary drive to realise the vast potential that is simmering out in Sydney's Western Suburbs.

General Manager Steve Mikosic is equally determined to leave a legacy behind.

"Before I finish my spell here," Mikosic told me on a tour of the ground, "I want to see all of this covered."

Mikosic was waving his arm out over the magnificent concreted terracing that

borders three sides of the playing field.

"I want to put a roof on that and make it the best ground in Australian soccer."

It isn't wishful thinking either, for the terracing is more than the usual steps, it is deeply bedded with foundation blocks planted for the very purposes of adding stands. And the club also has an adjoining block which it intends to use for another entrance to avoid congestion on match days.

Early signs are good; an attractive new logo which incorporates the Sydney Opera House has been matched by some excellent displays on the field.

Coach Manfred Schaefer knows that the progress of the club must be a tandem affair, with his young side matching the success of the field.

At least three of Schaefer's squad look bound for European football in the not too distant future and if Kalac, Milicic and Popovic do end up going further afield the club would look to benefit by at least \$800,000 in transfer revenue.

And the club still has other young talents like Moric and

Jermen waiting to fully blossom.

"It's a good squad," admits the former St George iron man.

"But we still lack a bit of experience."

Schaefer had looked to strengthen his playing staff in the close season by signing Mike Smith from Wollongong and Darren Stewart from Newcastle.

Both moves collapsed but Schaefer (as we went to press) still had his hand in two possible moves – Brad Maloney and a defender from Melbourne.

Maloney would add something extra to the Sydney United midfield and allow Gibson more freedom to support the attack.

That might well be the only piece missing from the puzzle, one which would see the club become a main contender in the championship race.

If the club do win the championship then this season's new sponsor, Red Lea Chickens, has already promised to come back in with the kind of major financial boost that saw a \$100,000 cheque presented to the club at their prestigious launch several weeks ago.

"That sort of money doesn't come easy," said Mikosic.

"But it's more than just the cash. Red Lea are taking responsibility for our canteens and the sort of food and service that they will install will be absolutely first class."

To someone weaned on the bovril and greasy pies of Scottish football that is great news. Combine that with a style of play which I find attractive and Edensor is sure to be a well worn route for this journalist during the season.

If the club can continue its bandwagon of early success then that is sure to catch on with thousands of other fans and Messrs. Simic, Mikosic and Schaefer may well be the pilots of a new era of soccer in Sydney.

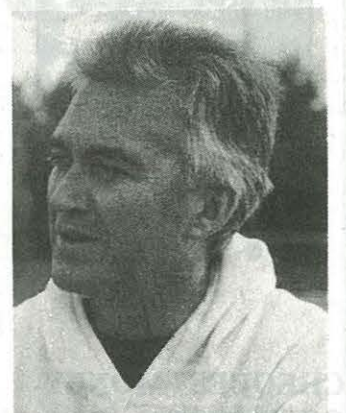
Aussies Prepare At Hindmarsh

Coca-Cola Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson (pictured right) has announced a preliminary squad of 20 players for the training camp being held this week in Adelaide.

With eight South Australian players in the squad Hindmarsh Stadium looks a good choice for his preparations to face Argentina.

There are no surprises in the list with all of the players having come under Thomson's scrutiny during the winter at one stage. Although only five of the players look likely to be starters against Argentina it nevertheless underlines the strength at Thomson's disposal.

A decision is expected this week from the ASF about the travel arrangements for the return leg in Buenos Aires. Thomson favours flying out on November 2 with the Australian based players for camps in Chile and Uruguay. The overseas based players would join when club commitments permit.



The full training squad is; Zabica, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mori, Veart, Slifkas, Lazaridis, Vidmar, Trimboli, Durakovic, Wade, Awaritefe, Taliadoros, Bingley, Schwarzer, Corica, Polak, Milosevic, Cerro and Tibaldi.

Thomson has also announced a preliminary squad for the two match elimination series against Argentina;

T Vidmar, Zabica, Veart, Ivanovic (Adelaide City), Wade, Durakovic, Polak (South Melbourne), Lazaridis (West Adelaide), Corica, Schwarzer (Marconi), Zelic (Borussia Dortmund), Longo (Cercle Brugge), Mitchell (Altay), Blagojevic (Heerenveen), Van Blerk (Go Ahead Eagles), Farina (Strasbourg), A Vidmar (Waregem), Arnold (FC Liege), Slater (Lens).

Only 20 players have been listed leaving the addition of a further two a strong likelihood. Aston Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, if available, would fill one of the vacancies

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT: Sydney United Crows – looking to bring glory to Western Sydney



Mark Bosnich – could still make the final squad

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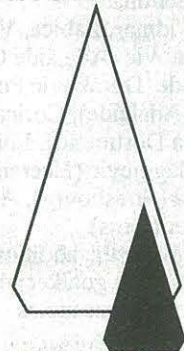
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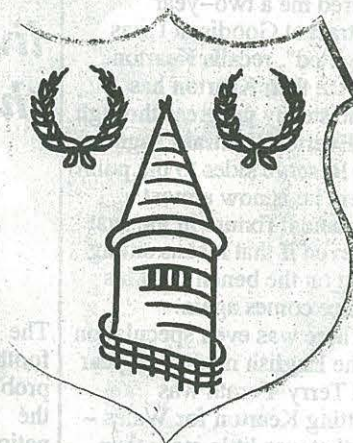
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Simply Soccer spotlights Everton's young Aussie, Jason Kearton

Just Waiting – With Both Hands



Everton reserve keeper Jason Kearton goes into another English Premier League season just waiting for the big chance to show his ability.

Last season Kearton had a rare opportunity to grab a first team spot when regular number one Neville Southall was suspended.

That opportunity saw the 'Aussie Keeper Challenge' when Everton played Mark Bosnich's Aston Villa.

For the first time in English history two Premier League clubs faced each other both fielding an Aussie keeper – and both players had top class games with Kearton maybe just edging out his better

known countryman.

But when Southall's ban was over it was back to the 'stiffs' at Goodison with Kearton's only view of the first team from the subs' bench.

Bosnich, on the other hand, went on to a prolonged run in the first team which saw his call-up to the Socceroo team for the World Cup games against New Zealand.

In 1988, before going to Europe, Kearton burst onto the CCSL scene when Rob Farrow broke his arm at Brisbane Lions.

Kearton became an ever-present in the Lions' CCSL side in his first, and to date

only, season in the Australian national league and even represented Queensland in its victorious series against NSW.

But he nearly didn't make it at all as a keeper – preferring to play in the outfield.

"I played in goals for the first time when I was 14," says Kearton.

"But I really didn't like it all that much, so I went back to playing outfield.

"But everyone kept on saying what a good goalie I

was so I was eventually persuaded to go back between the posts.

"My Dad (Ralph) asked me to go on a month's holiday to England with him after that

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Missing Australians

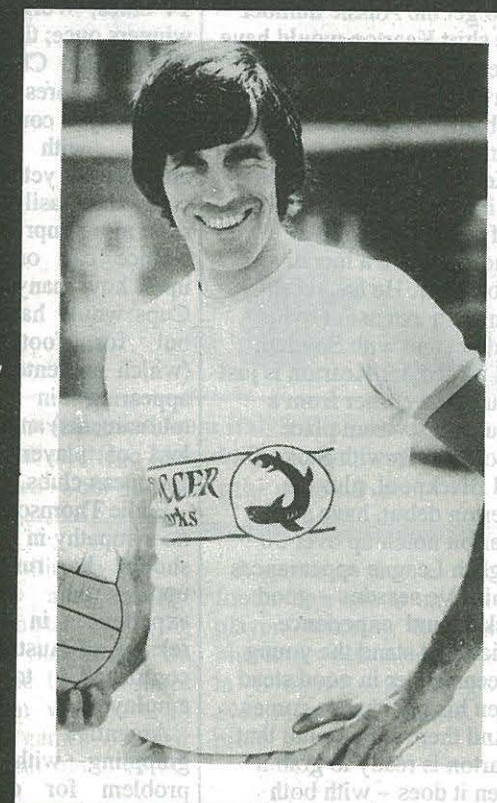
The Australian Olympic Committee is trying to contact Soccer Olympians to update its address files. A number of players from Australia's first participation in the Games in 1956 are not included in the Committee's files.

If any reader has knowledge of these former international players they should contact Tracey Johnstone at the Australian Olympic Committee, Level 13, The Maritime Centre, 207 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. (Telephone 02 931 2075).

The Missing Soccer Olympians; George Arthur, Robert Bigneil, F Druery (Team Manager), W Henderson, Jack Lennard, Ron Lord, Graham McMillan, Bruce Morrow, John Pettigrew, A Rattray, G Smith, P Stone, B Vogler, Alwyn Warren, R Wemyss.

The Australian Soccer Federation is also seeking the addresses of missing Socceroos for their own files. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the following 'missing' players please contact Steve Darby at the ASF on (02) 597 6611.

The Missing Socceroos; George Keith, Allan Westwater, Tommy McColl, Todd Clark, Alan Marnoch, Ernie Campbell, Dave Harding, John Watkiss, Gary Byrne, Harry Williams and Murray Barnes.



Waiting With Both Hands

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season with Brisbane Lions and while I was there I had a few trials fixed up.

"When Colin Harvey offered me a two-year contract at Goodison I was delighted", recalls Kearton.

Since then Kearton has made steady progress through the Everton Central League and Reserve sides to the point where he is now almost a permanent fixture in the first 13, even if that means sitting it out on the bench until his chance comes again.

There was even speculation in the English media last year that Terry Yorath was spotting Kearton for Wales – but that was little more than newspaper hype.

England have a better chance of claiming the young Aussie who doesn't have a drop of Welsh blood in him.

Despite being called into last year's European Socceroo training camps the prospects of an Australian international career look remote.

To get the Aussie number one shirt Kearton would have to leapfrog Zabica, Schwarzer, Filan and probably Vince Matassa and Frank Talia also.

Kearton is pragmatic about his international possibilities, preferring instead to concentrate on a lucrative club career. He has recently signed an extension to his contract and with Southall just turned 35, Kearton is just around the corner from a regular first-team place.

Loan spells with Stoke City and Blackpool, plus his Everton debut, have seen Kearton notch up over 30 English League appearances in his five seasons – good background experience which will stand the young Queenslander in good stead when his big chance comes.

And there is no doubt that Kearton is ready to grab it when it does – with both hands.

If the Coca-Cola Socceroos do qualify for their United States each of them will have to produce the games of their lives – and sweat blood in the process.

by Paul Moon

The more romantic amongst football supporters will probably nominate Brazil as the greatest soccer-playing nation on earth.

But the statisticians are more likely to go for Italy or Germany while historians will probably favour England.

But Argentina's claims for the accolade are as valid as any.

Twice World Cup winners; twice World Cup runners-up; South American Champions 14 times; World Youth Cup winners once; the home of six World Club Champions and 14 Libertadores Cup winners.

Nobody could possibly argue with Argentina's credentials, yet their record could so easily have been even more impressive.

Once can only speculate upon how many more World Cups would have been won but for football politics (which prevented them from appearing in four finals tournaments) and the constant loss of players to leading European clubs.

Eddie Thomson will receive no sympathy in Buenos Aires should he ruminate there upon the trouble he experiences in securing the release of Australian players contracted to overseas employers.

Argentina has been grappling with the same problem for over half a century.

It was back in 1934 when rock hard defender Luigi Monti won a World Cup winners' medal with Italy – just four years after gaining a runners up memento in the service of his native country.

Countless others have followed Monti eastward, many never to return, and several of them went on to wear the colours of other nations.

The best remembered multi internationalist, Alfredo di Stefano, represented both Colombia and Spain after leaving Argentina.

The inspiration behind Real Madrid's five successive European Champions' cup triumphs up to 1960, he is still regarded by many respected pundits as the most gifted player of them all.

Just as revered in Italy as Di Stefano is in Spain, Omar Sivori became the darling of Juventus' army of fans in the early 1960s.

Only a volatile temper prevented Sivori from gaining even greater fame.

Argentinian soccer's influence stretches amazingly wide.

The French, Belgian, Spanish, Italian and Colombian leagues continue to be the biggest beneficiaries of imported gaucho magic, but Ossie Ardiles is the most popular foreign player ever to grace the English game and there have been few more skilful players appearing at

Australian domestic level than Oscar Crino.

The advent of jet travel was an immense boon to the Argentinian national side as was FIFA's ruling, in the early 1970s, that any player who had represented one country was ineligible to appear for another.

Even so, several highly talented exiles were reluctantly discarded by coach Luis Menotti prior to the 1978 World Cup finals because he believed he had insufficient time to accommodate them in his playing pattern.

It was, therefore, an almost exclusively home-based combination that captured our sport's most coveted trophy at their own River Plate Stadium.

One of the exceptions, Mario Kempes from Valencia in Spain, was the tournament's leading scorer.

European clubs then swooped with vengeance and Menotti had little option but to include several exiles in the side picked to defend their crown four years later.

Despite the presence of Maradona, they flopped.

But, Mexico '86 saw Maradona in irresistible form. never, before or since, has any individual player had more effect upon the outcome of a single major international tournament than the little genius seven years ago.

The men from the Pampas became World Champions for a second time.

An injury-restricted Maradona was unable to repeat his wizardry in 1990.

That they would again reach the World Cup finals, before succumbing to Germany only through a contentious penalty, is a tribute to Argentina's remarkable resilience.

Much has happened to Argentinian soccer in the interim.

Two more Copa America successes have been well and truly overshadowed by a string of mishaps.

Prominent amongst these

ARGENTINA

The Greatest Of Them All

NOW FOR GLORY: Caniggia flies high to win the ball from Italy's Walter Zenga. Argentine fans will be hoping that the re-call of Diego Maradona can help capture those glory days of yesterday – with the Coca-Cola Socceroos the next hurdle.

are the drug scandals involving Maradona and charismatic striker Claudio Caniggia; the escalating financial problems of several major clubs; the leg fracture sustained by influential midfielder Dario Franco; a string of Libertadores Cup

failures and what one Buenos Aires newspaper described as the "blackest moment in the annals of our football" – the recent 5-0 World Cup home defeat at Colombia's hands. But, beware. Argentina have, throughout their history, displayed a

remarkable ability to bounce back quickly and lethally. make no mistake, if the Coca-Cola Socceroos do qualify for the United States each of them will have to produce the games of their lives and sweat blood in the process.

Argentina is a proud footballing nation and all the players wearing her famed blue and white striped jerseys in Sydney will be giving everything to retain that pride.

What are your club's chances?



Simply Soccer takes a pre-season peek at the fourteen clubs which will battle for honours in this year's *Coca-Cola Soccer League*.



All the odds

To Win the Championship

Evans	Marconi
4/1	Adelaide City
6/1	South Melbourne
8/1	West Adelaide
	Melbourne Knights
10/1	Parramatta Eagles
12/1	Sydney Olympic
14/1	Sydney United
30/1	Wollongong United
40/1	Heidelberg United
60/1	Morwell Falcons
	Newcastle Breakers
100/1	Melbourne BU
200/1	Brisbane United

To Qualify for the Top Six

1/6	Marconi
Evans	Adelaide City
3/1	South Melbourne
4/1	West Adelaide
9/2	Melbourne Knights
	Parramatta Eagles
6/1 bar	

ADELAIDE CITY

Coach: Zoran Matic

Previous Honours: Champions 1986, 1992; Cup Winners 1979, 1989, 1992.

Major Off Season Signings: Goran Lozanovski.

Realistic Objective: Top two.

Season Forecast: Matic has consolidated on last year's squad. The only experienced addition is former Preston WYC player Goran Lozanovski. Vidmar, back from a brief and unhappy overseas spell, showed scintillating form during the winter to force his way back into serious Coca-Cola Soccerroo contention. At the back they look formidable with one of the most stable defences in the League. Only flaw is over-reliance on Veart up front, who looks almost certain to be playing overseas next summer. An outstanding squad.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Zabica, Tobin, Mori, Veart, Ivanovic.

Championship Odds: 4/1, second favourites.

Top Six Odds: Evens, second favourites.

BRISBANE

Coach: Bruce Stowell

Previous Honours: None. (new club 1992)

Major Off Season Signings: MacNichol (Heidelberg), Philips (Olympic), Wright (Souths).

Realistic Objective: Avoid Relegation

Season Forecast: A change of coach, a new-look board and the loss of some key players do not bode well for Brisbane. Stowell will do well to climb out of the relegation zone with a squad that will likely take some time to gel. The resigning of Troy Cranney, who looked bound for Adelaide City, is a major coup. Forget pre-season form - Brisbane look likely to struggle this season again.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Jackson, Slater, Wright.

Championship Odds: 200/1

Top Six Odds: 100/1

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Coach: Dragoslav Sekularac

Previous Honours: Finals Cup Winners 1980; Cup Winners 1993

Major Off Season Signings: Michael Michalakopoulos (Souths), Roman Nikolic (Dynamo Dresden).

Realistic Objective: Mid table.

Season Forecast: The loss of Slifkas and MacNichol will be offset by the new signings, but Heidelberg do not look to be strong enough in depth to seriously challenge. Should enjoy a fairly good run early on but will struggle when injuries and suspensions start to tell. Roman Nikolic looks to be one of the best new players this season. But the Bergers look a good Cup chance.

Most valuable Players 1992/93: Bratten, Clarkson, Palatsides.

Championship Odds: 40/1

Top Six Odds: 25/1

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

Coach: Frank Arok

Previous Honours: Champions 1979, 88, 89, 93; Cup Winners 1980

Major Off Season Signings: Mike Smith (Wolves), Andrea Icardi (Verona*)

Realistic Objective: Grand Final

Season Forecast: A lack of cohesion at the back and lack of experience in depth were the only weaknesses for Marconi last season. Arok has countered both by bleeding Iocca, Talay and Macolino and has gone a stage further with good signings. Smith will be a key player for Marconi - and it is hard to look past them. Only weakness is the likelihood that their rich vein of young talent is plundered by European clubs.

Most valuable Players 1992/93: Pelucchi, Schwarzer, Corica, Harper.

Championship Odds: Evens, favourites.

Top Six Odds: 1/6, favourites.

MELBOURNE BUSC

Coach: John Margaritis

Previous Honours: Champions 1985.

Major Off Season Signings: Becvinovski, Zinni.

Realistic Objective: Lower mid table.

Season Forecast: The league newcomers have problems in gelling a brand new squad together. If they can string together a series of draws and home wins in the first ten games they should have built a big enough buffer. The partnership of Zinni and Becvinovski looks potent. Might yet surprise us all.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: N/A

Championship Odds: 100/1

Top Six Odds: 60/1

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Coach: Mirko Bazic

Previous Honours: None.

Major Off Season Signings: None

Realistic Objective: Semi Final play-offs.

Season Forecast: Other than a new coach, it's almost 'as you were' at the re-named Knights. That solidity should see them in good stead and it would be a surprise to ever see them out of the Top Six. But they have never really found a replacement for Awaritefe and that will prevent them going all the way – look out for young Mark Viduka, he might just be that player.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Pondeljak, Biskic, Bonk.

Championship Odds: 8/1

Top Six Odds: 9/2

MORWELL FALCONS

Coach: Bobby McLachlan

Previous Honours: None

Major Off Season Signings: Lachlan Armstrong (Dundee*), Shaun Parton (Preston), John Markovski (Preston).

Realistic Objective: Mid table.

Season Forecast: Last season the Falcons were 'everybody's favourite other team', but they will find the going much harder in their second year in the big league. The loss of Billy Wright will be a major blow. McLachlan has proven in the past that he is shrewd when it comes to picking up surprise packages, and he badly needs a few key men to strengthen his squad.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Donnelly, Waddell, Wright, Tombolato.

Championship Odds: 60/1

Top Six Odds: 40/1

NEWCASTLE BHP BREAKERS

Coach: Jim Foley

Previous Honours: None

Major Off Season Signings: None.

Realistic Objective: Mid table.

Season Forecast: New coach Jim Foley has inherited a few problems but has also made some useful acquisitions from the free transfer market in Jennings, Lowe, Tredinnick and Jones. If they can gel straight up they look like a good cup team, especially if Spink gets his shooting boots on. Biggest problem will be lack of squad depth.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Spink, Stewart, Moffitt, Maloney.

Championship Odds: 60/1

Top Six Odds: 30/1

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Coach: Rale Rasic

Previous Honours: Cup Winners 1991

Major Off Season Signings: Gwynne (Brisbane), S prod, Koch, Moffitt (Newcastle).

Realistic Objective: Play Offs

Season Forecast: Last season the Eagles surprised everyone with their early season form. Again they will be the fittest team when the league kicks off and this should see them achieve their objective. Big problems last year were lack of squad depth and a tendency in their back four to boot high clearances – cutting out one of the best midfields in the comp. Rasic has answered that with some useful looking signings.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Genc, Peter Gunning, Mendez, Soper.

Championship Odds: 10/1

Top Six Odds: 9/2

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Coach: Jim Pyrgolios

Previous Honours: Champions 1984, 1991; Cup Winners 1990

Major Off Season Signings: Ike Alagiozidis (Panserraikos, Greece)

Realistic Objective: Grand Final.

Season Forecast: Last season proved that Souths just didn't have a strong enough squad. The loss of Micheil, Michalakopoulos, Wright, Blair and Postecoglou has weakened Souths even further. Look for Alex Kiratzoglou to fill one of the berths and Kevin Muscat to have an immense season. But the Blues will find the going heavier than they are used to.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Wade, Awaritefe, Boutsianis, Trimboli.

Championship Odds: 6/1, third favourites.

Top Six Odds: 3/1, third favourites.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Coach: Berti Mariani

Previous Honours: Champions 1990; Cup Winners 1983, 1985.

Major Off Season Signings: Caleta (Sydney United).

Realistic Objective: Top Six

Season Forecast: Once again Sydney Olympic look set for a big year, but there is a strong hint that they might struggle. Loss of too many key players (Seal, Arambasic and Philips) will give Mariani an early season headache. Could survive that but they still don't look strong enough in depth to do any better than push for a finals' berth.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Arambasic, Ironside, Lee, Philips.

Championship Odds: 12/1

Top Six Odds: 6/1

SYDNEY UNITED

Coach: Manfred Schaefer

Previous Honours: Cup Winners 1987.

Major Off Season Signings: Okon (Parramatta)

Realistic Objective: Top Six.

Season Forecast: The loss of Manis Lamond towards the ends of last season proved a major blow to their finals' aspirations – and highlighted the lack of strength in depth. With only one major signing United will have to rely on its emerging young players. The Young Guns looked the goods in the Multiquip and League Cups.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Hristodoulou, Lamond, Gibson.

Championship Odds: 14/1

Top Six Odds: 6/1

WEST ADELAIDE

Coach: Raul Blanco

Previous Honours: Champions 1987.

Major Off Season Signings: Slifkas (Heidelberg)

Realistic Objective: Play Offs

Season Forecast: West Ad have one of the best balanced teams in the league and have gained over the winter with the addition of the under-rated Slifkas. Have a tendency to get caught out at the back when going forward – but the arrival of Slifkas should help plug that hole. Attack orientated, and capable of beating anyone in the league.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Brown, Iriarte, Lazaridis.

Championship Odds: 8/1

Top Six Odds: 4/1

WOLLONGONG CITY

Coach: David Ratcliffe

Previous Honours: None.

Major Off Season Signings: Freddy Kruys (Brisbane Lions), Scott Ollerenshaw (Walsall), Pedro Ricoy (St George)

Realistic Objective: Top Six

Season Forecast: Ratcliffe is one of the best two coaches in the league and once again Wollongong will be looking to a finals spot. The arrival of Kruys (a former Dutch youth international) and former Socceroo Ollerenshaw will help to offset the loss of Smith, and otherwise their squad looks much the same. Last season the Wolves looked to be vulnerable from their lack of mobility – but enjoy a huge Brandon Park advantage. That might not be enough this season and pre-season from did not look all that impressive.

Most Valuable Players 1992/93: Smith, Yankos.

Championship Odds: 30/1

Top Six Odds: 14/1

The Morwell Gun Slinger Bows Out



Madcap Billy Wright has decided to call it for the relative tranquility of ordinary day. One soccer writer, obviously not a fan of decision to retire was one of the best things of CCSL defenders who agree with him, "He was an entertainer, a real showman," McLachlan succeeded where Assistant In only his second appearance for Kiwi international reacted strongly when astonished Scheinflug. That didn't endear promptly sacked him.

But under McLachlan, Wright enjoyed a new lease of life - also enhancing the Morwell manager's reputation of being able to handle problem cases. And if Wright wasn't shy, he was also immensely talented. Last year his partnership with John Waddell was one of the best in the league. After scoring a goal the Geordie would race back to the half way line, pull out his 'six shooters' and fire into the crowd before 'twirling' them around his fingers and re-holstering them. If he had done that in his native England, where he was a long time served pro footballer, he would have been hailed a star, but in Australia an unimaginative media labelled him a loony!

a day; to hang up his six shooters and head to day life. the tall fellow, reported that Wright's to happen this year. Maybe there are a lot but there are thousands of fans who don't. said his last boss, Bobby McLachlan and National Coach Les Scheinflug couldn't. Scheinflug's then Blacktown City team the he was dragged by throwing his shirt at an him to the no-nonsense coach who

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WOLLONGONG CITY v NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

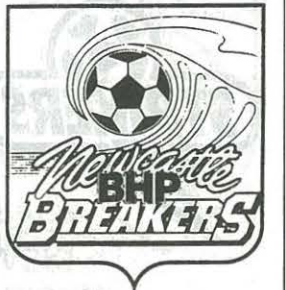
Brandon Park, Wollongong - Friday October 22, 1993



FIRST GRADE 7.30 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
RED SOCKS
COACH : DAVID RATCLIFFE

TEAM COLOURS
SKY BLUE SHIRT
SKY BLUE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : JIM FOLEY



BRETT HUGHES - 1	1 - CLINT GOSLING
TOM BAZDARIC - 2	2 - GRAHAM JENNINGS
MIKE O'SHEA - 3	3 - ANDRW ROBERTS
CHARLIE YANKOS - 4	4 - HOWARD TREDINNICK
MARTIN BOURKE - 5	5 - MARK JONES
MATT HORSLEY - 6	6 - RALPH MAIER
PAUL MCFADDEN - 7	7 - JOHN Mc QUARRIE
SASHO DIMOSKI - 8	8 - BOBBY NAUMOV
DALE WHITE - 9	9 - ROD BROWN
RICHARD LLOYD - 10	10 - WARREN SPINK
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW - 11	11 - DAVID LOWE
ANTHONY SURJAN - 12	12 - NICK MEREDITH
DAVID THOMAS - 13	13 - SCOTT WELLS
DONAL O'BRIEN - 14	14 - GARY WILSON
IAN MORRIS - 15	15 - DARREN NORTHAM
CLAUDE CELLINI - 16	16 - NEIL OWENS
STEVEN KRISHNA - 17	17 -
STEVEN FORESHAW - 18	18 -
MARK TROTH - 19	19 -
JOHN KRAJNOVIC - 20	20 -



WOLLONGONG V NEWCASTLE BHP

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

NSL CAREER RECORD

P W D L F A

Wollongong: 318 104 89 125 381 457

Newcastle: 52 17 16 19 66 68

Wollongong HOME RECORD 158 64 47 47 223 199

Newcastle BHP AWAY RECORD: 26 8 7 11 32 37

HEAD TO HEAD: Played 4, Wollongong 1, Newcastle 0, Drawn 3

FORM GUIDE: Matches between the "Steel" cities have been close since Newcastle's entry into the CCSL two seasons ago, Wollongong winning the only clash between the two sides 2-1 last season. Pre-season form scratchy. The Wolves reached the final of the Multiquip Cup but lost to Parramatta Eagles in the 1st Round of the League Cup.

Newcastle's only games against CCSL opposition was in the League Cup, going down narrowly to Marconi in the 1st Round.

SCENARIO: Wollongong at home are always hard to beat especially in the last three years, losing only seven games out of 39 played. Wollongong will rely on tough defensive unit and hope new boys Ollerenshaw, O'Brien can ignite their attack. Newcastle will depend on the teams vast NSL experience and the goalscoring ability of Spink to come away from the "Gong" with at least a point.



Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 1

BRISBANE STRIKERS v PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Perry Park, Brisbane - Saturday October 23, 1993



FIRST GRADE 7 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
WHITE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH : BRUCE STOWELL

CLINT BOLTON - 1
FRANK PIMBLETT - 2
ALUN EVANS - 3
ALAN HUNTER - 4
STEVE JACKSON - 5
DARREN HILLIER - 6
GARY PHILLIPS - 7
ANDREW STOWELL - 8
ANDREW LEES - 9
DANNY WRIGHT - 10
TROY CRANNEY - 11
CHRIS SLATER - 12
- 13
SEAN CRANNEY - 14
CRAIG WILLIAMS - 15
KEVIN MEACOCK - 16
BRADLEY DITTON - 17
STEIN GRODUM - 18
- 19
GRAHAM ROSS - 20

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
RED SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH : RALE RASIC

1 - PETER GUNNING
2 - ADAM CIANTAR
3 - GLEN GWYNNE
4 - GERRY GOMEZ
5 - JOHN KOCH
6 - NICK ORLIC
7 - CRAIG MOFFITT
8 - GABRIEL MENDEZ
9 - MARSHALL SOPR
10 - JOE SPITERI
11 - BRENDAN RENAUD
12 - GLENN SPROD
13 - WALTER ARDONE
14 - JASON FALZON
15 - ZOKI ADIOSKI
16 - ANDREW DOWLING
17 - TOM HAYTHORNTHWAIT
18 - TONY JOSEVSKI
19 - GEOFF GUNNING
20 - JASON HOLMES



BRISBANE STRIKERS V PARRAMATTA EAGLES

GAME STATISTICS (Premiership matches only)
NSL CAREER RECORD:

P W D L F A
Brisbane: 52 13 13 26 63 99
Parramatta: 132 45 40 47 155 165

Brisbane: HOME RECORD: 26 11 6 9 47 44
Parramatta Eagles: AWAY RECORD: 66 17 25 24 73 92

HEAD TO HEAD: Played 4, Brisbane 1, Parramatta 1, Drawn 2

FORM GUIDE: Tough first up game for last season wooden spooners Brisbane. After a terrific first season in the CCSL (sixth place), Brisbane struggled badly last season however an impressive pre-season has seen a renewed confidence in their camp. The Eagles have started off the season with a bang, winning the League Cup with a 2-0 win over form team Sydney United last weekend. Met in the semi's of the cup, the Eagles winning 2-1 in Sydney.

SCENARIO: Both teams will go into the game full of confidence they can win. If the game is anything like the same game last season were it finished at 3-3, it could be a cracker. Brisbane will have to closely watch the in-form striking duo of Soper and Spiteri who have formed a lethal partnership after only nine games together. Brisbane's sound home record should guarantee them at least a point.



Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 1

HEIDELBERG v MARCONI - FAIRFIELD

Olympic Park, Melbourne - Sunday October 24, 1993



FIRST GRADE 3 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
YELLOW SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
YELLOW SOCKS
COACH : DRAGAN SEKULARAC

MICHAEL CHATZITRIFONOS - 1
GARY BRATTAN - 2
ALAN SCOTT - 3
DOUG HODGSON - 4
JOE PALATSIDES - 5
GORAN NEGIC - 6
BRIAN MACNICOL - 7
PHILIP STUBBINS - 8
DANNY GNJIDIC - 9
MICHAEL MIHALAKOPOULOS - 10
NEMANJA OBRADOVIC - 11
ROMAN NIKOLIC - 12
PETER TIKTIKAKIS - 13
GEORGE GEORGIADIS - 14
ANDREW VLAHOS - 15
MIKE PANOPOULOS - 16
TOM KARAPATSOS - 17
- 18
- 19
CON KARANIKOLOS - 20



TEAM COLOURS
GREEN SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
RED SOCKS
COACH : FRANK AROK

1 - MARK SCHWARZER
2 - GEORGE JOLEVSKI
3 - J. PAUL DE MARIGNY
4 - MATTHEW BINGLEY
5 - IAN GRAY
6 - GLAGOJA KULESKI
7 - ANDREA ICARDI
8 - ERMANNIO PELUCCHI
9 - KIMON TALIADOROS
10 - STEVE CORICA
11 - ANDREW HARPER
12 - MICHAEL SMITH
13 - UFUK TALAY
14 - GARY VAN EGMOND
15 - LUKE CASSERLY
16 - FABIO MACOLINO
17 - JONATHAN ANGELUCCI
18 - TOM MCCULLOCH
19 - DARREN IOCCA
20 - TONY PEZZANO



HEIDELBERG UNITED V MARCONI

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)
NSL CAREER RECORD:

P W D L F A
Heidelberg: 394 150 113 131 540 519
Marconi: 446 214 104 128 784 524

Heidelberg United HOME RECORD: 197 99 49 49 310 227
Marconi AWAY RECORD: 222 94 50 78 358 284

HEAD TO HEAD: Played 24, Heidelberg 6, Marconi 14, Drawn 4

FORM GUIDE: Neither side has had encouraging pre-season. Heidelberg were disappointing in losing both legs of the League Cup to Morwell Falcons while Marconi scrapped through against Newcastle BHP before going down to Parramatta in the quarters. Due to one reason or another Arok has not been able to put a full strength team on the park yet but will still have a very formidable line-up at his disposal. Their records at Olympic Village are very similar with both teams recording five wins each while there have been two draws. Marconi won last years game 5-0.

SCENARIO: If there was ever a time for the Bergers to beat Marconi it is this fixture, but they have to be at their best. Marconi are still trying to find their rhythm and once they do they will be hard to beat. It is essential that Heidelberg get points from this game, to give themselves some confidence for the rest of the season. A promising warm-up game with Sydney Olympic last weekend has left Arok confident of victory, which should be achieved without too much fuss.





COCA - COLA MATCH OF THE ROUND

SYDNEY UNITED v SOUTH MELBOURNE

Croatian Sports Centre, Sydney - Sunday October 24, 1993 - 6.30 pm.



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 14, Sydney United 5, South Melbourne 6 Drawn 3

FORM GUIDE: Should be a crack-erjack game with both sides showing good early season form. South Melbourne also travel to Sydney with the added incentive to win, after the young United side downed them in the semi-finals of the League Cup. The Crows have had an outstanding start to the season and if they can reproduce their cup form they will certainly be there at the business end of the season. They accounted for the Melbourne Knights in the 1st round on the away goals rule, after a 2-2 draw in Melbourne was followed by a 0-0 draw in Sydney. The next two rounds however made people sit up and take notice of them when they beat Adelaide City 2-0 in Adelaide and then defeated South Melbourne on penalties after scores were locked at 1-1. They however could not continue that form in the final going down to Parramatta Eagles 2-0. South Melbourne have certainly found their goalscoring touch early. Francis Awaritefe celebrated his call up to the Socceroo squad by netting four goals in three games as did Paul Trimboli, while Con

ZELJKO KALAC - 1
ROBERT STANTON - 2
VELIMIR KUPRESAK - 3
TONY POPOVIC - 4
MARK BABIC - 5
TOM MILICEVIC - 6
IVAN PETKOVIC - 7
TONY KRSLOVIC - 8
ERIC HRISTODOULOU - 9
JOHN GIBSON - 10
DAVID ZDRILIC - 11
ANTE MORIC - 12
KLAUSE OKON - 13
MARIO JERMEN - 14
ANTE MILICIC - 15
MANIS LAMOND - 16
ANTE ZIZIC - 17
MATTHEW ZEC - 18
MIRKO JURILJ - 19
TONY FRANKEN - 20

COLOURS
Red Shirts
White Shorts
Blue Socks

COACH
Manfred Schaefer

COLOURS
Blue Shirts
Blue Shorts
Blue Socks

COACH
Jim Pyrgolios

RESULT
SCORERS

1 - DEAN ANASTASIADIS
2 - KEVIN MUSCAT
3 - ANGIE GOUTZIOULIS
4 - MEHMET DURAKOVIC
5 - GARY HASLER
6 - PAUL WADE
7 - JASON POLAK
8 - STEVE TASSIOS
9 - PAUL TRIMBOLI
10 - CON BOUTSIANIS
11 - FRANCIS AWARITEFE
12 - PETER TSOLAKIS
13 - IKE ALAGIOZIDIS
14 - MIKE VALKANIS
15 - ALEX KIRATZOGLOU
16 - CON ANTHOPOULOS
17 - JOHN VERIKAKIS
18 - STEVE PANOPOULOS
19 - THEO MIHALOGLOU
20 - MIKE UTTING

Boutsianis scored a hat-trick in the 2nd leg against Brunswick. Their results finished as 5-2 and 5-1 winners against Brunswick, then a 4-0 win over Morwell Falcons before their loss to United. Matches between these two sides are traditionally close and the honours are virtually even as far as wins go. Last year fixture saw the visitors come away with a 5-2 win in what was probably their best performance of the year.

SCENARIO: United will be waiting anxiously on the reports on Ante Milicic shoulder after he popped it from its joint in the final against Parramatta. Eric Hristodoulou will also be welcomed back into the starting line-up to give the midfield some extra creativity, while the exciting Manis Lamond is reportedly near back to full fitness after suffering a broken leg last season. South Melbourne will rely on their celebrated attack to get their season off to a great start, while Socceroo captain will be out to impress National Coach Eddie Thomson in lead up to Australia's World Cup clash with Argentina. A tight game which could go either way. A draw is likely.



SYDNEY UNITED v SOUTH MELBOURNE

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)
NSL CAREER RECORD:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Sydney United:	252	107	66	79	344	304
South Melbourne:	446	212	146	102	686	499
Sydney United HOME RECORD:	127	61	31	35	198	151
South Melbourne AWAY RECORD:	221	90	55	76	303	277



Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 1

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MORWELL FALCONS

Leichhardt Oval, Sydney - Sunday October 24, 1993



FIRST GRADE 6.30 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
BLUE SHIRT
BLUE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH: BERTI MARIANI

TEAM COLOURS
WHITE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH: BOBBY McLACHLAN



MIKE GIBSON - 1	1 - STEVE MAUTONE
GEORGE SORRAS - 2	2 - GARY UPTON
ELIAS AUGERINOS - 3	3 - JOE GAGETTI
TONY SPYRIDAKOS - 4	4 - STEVEN DOUGLAS
DAVID BARRETT - 5	5 - SHAUN PARTON
GRANT LEE - 6	6 - PAUL DONNELLY
JOE CALETA - 7	7 - SONNY SEVIN
BRANKO MILOSEVIC - 8	8 - JOHN MARKOVSKI
NORMAN TOME - 9	9 - BRIAN BOTHWELL
KRIS TRAJANOVSKI - 10	10 - JOHN WADDELL
PETER TSEKENIS - 11	11 - LACHLAN ARMSTONG
PABLO CARDOZO - 12	12 - VASCO TRPCEVSKI
ROBERT IRONSIDE - 13	13 - AHMET GURPINER
EVANGELOS PETRATOS - 14	14 - CLAUDIO CANOSA
- 15	15 - ANTHONY CASSAR
- 16	16 - CARLO VILLANI
PAUL PANSON - 17	17 - MARCUS STERGIPOULOS
JOSE MENDEZ - 18	18 - JUSTIN GERI
- 19	19 -
GARY MEIER - 20	20 - JASON DASTEY



SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MORWELL FALCONS

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

NSL CAREER RECORD

P W D L F A

Sydney Olympic: 420 164 120 136 581 497

Morwell: 26 7 7 12 29 43

Sydney Olympic HOME RECORD: 211 93 61 57 306 332

Morwell Falcons AWAY RECORD: 13 2 3 8 8 24



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 2, Olympic 0, Morwell 2, Drawn 0

FORM GUIDE: Berti Mariani has a tough job ahead of him if early season form is anything to go by. However Mariani is a shrewd coach and will soon have his boys firing once they have a few games under their belts. Mariani biggest problem has been to find replacements for last seasons strikers David Seal and Zlatko Arambasic (both overseas) and rugged defender Andrew Bernal who is still recovering from injury. Olympic lost out in the League Cup to Brisbane but did win the Sydney leg. Morwell Falcons have been in the CCSL for only one season but already they have an impressive record against Olympic, winning both games last season. Beat Heidelberg twice in the Cup but copped a 4-0 hiding from South Melbourne in the quarters. SCENARIO: Nothing but a win will satisfy the Olympic fans who consider Morwell a team they should beat. Olympic's move to the excellent facilities at Leichhardt Oval could be a breath of fresh air they need to bring back the glory days. Morwell surprised everybody last season by finishing mid-table (most predicted the wooden spoon), but will be minus the inspirational Billy Wright (retired) this season.

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 1

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS v ADELAIDE CITY

Croatian Sports Centre, Melbourne - Sunday October 24, 1993



FIRST GRADE 3 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH: MIRKO BAZIC

TEAM COLOURS
BLACK & WHITE SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH: ZORAN MATIC



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

DAVID MILLER - 1
VINKO BULJABASIC - 2
FAUSTO DEMICIS - 3
VLADO VANIS - 4
STEVE HORVAT - 5
ANDREW MARTH - 6
ZORAN TRAJCEVSKI - 7
JOSIP BISKIC - 8
MARK VIDUKA - 9
VAUGHAN COVENY - 10
OLIVER PONDELJAK - 11
MARK SILIC - 12
ADRIAN CERVINSKI - 13
DAVID CERVINSKI - 14
MARK TALAJIC - 15
ANTE JURIC - 16
GEORGE HANNAH - 17
KRUNOSLAV RAZOV - 18
DAMIEN VOJTEK - 19
FRANK JURIC - 20

1 - ROBERT ZABICA
2 - DANIEL SABATINO
3 - TONY VIDMAR
4 - MILAN IVANOVIC
5 - ALEX TOBIN
6 - SERGIO MELTA
7 - DAMIAN MORI
8 - CARL VEART
9 - MICHAEL REDA
10 - BRADLEY HASSELL
11 - GORAN LOZANOVSKI
12 - JOSPEH MULLEN
13 - JAMIE CARRENO
14 - JOEL MARINO
15 - RENATO MUSOLINO
16 - STEVE MAXWELL
17 - CARLO TALLADIRA
18 - PAUL SHILLABEER
19 -
20 -



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS v ADELAIDE CITY

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

NSL CAREER RECORD:

P W D L F A

Melbourne Knights: 252 112 60 80 363 323

Adelaide City: 446 175 121 150 610 535

Melbourne Knights HOME RECORD: 127 64 27 36 195 142

Adelaide City AWAY RECORD: 223 68 56 99 267 326



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 20, Knights 7, Adelaide 9, Drawn 4

FORM GUIDE: A tough game for both sides first up. The Zebras are one of the early favourites for the title, so the Knights will have their work cut out for them. On the other hand, the Knights home record against the Zebras is very impressive, having only lost twice in the ten games played at Somers Street. They bowed out to their sister club Sydney United on goal difference in the League Cup, while Adelaide beat fierce rivals West Adelaide in the opening round but fell to a surprise home loss to Sydney United. Adelaide won last years corresponding game by a single goal.

SCENARIO: Carl Veart's returns after spending pre-season trailing with English club Everton, to ensure the Zebras will be at full strength in Melbourne. Matic is determined not finish runners up this year, securing the transfers of Reda and Lozanovski which gives him an abundance of talent to choose from. The Knights have a young side and will look at 18 year old Mark Viduka to lead their attack. Adelaide look too strong in this one.

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 1

WEST ADELAIDE v BRUNSWICK MELBOURNE
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide - Sunday October 24, 1993



FIRST GRADE 7.30 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
BLUE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : RAUL BLANCO

PETER BLAZINCIC - 1
JIM KERAMIDAS - 2
FRANK TIBALDI - 3
GREG MILLS - 4
ROBERT HOOKER - 5
STAN LAZARIDIS - 6
RAYMOND BLAIR - 7
GUSTAV CERRO - 8
GEORGE SLIFKAS - 9
MARK BRAZZALE - 10
GREG BROWN - 11
CON KOKKINOPLITIS - 12
LEMMY VATSILAS - 13
JIM TSEKINIS - 14
RICHIE ALAGICH - 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
TONY GIANNASCA - 20

TEAM COLOURS
BLACK & WHITE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH : JOHN MARGARITIS

1 - ROBERT MANZELLA
2 - STEPHEN MARLEY
3 -
4 - ROBERT FERLA
5 - PAUL DELLA ROCCA
6 - DEAN LANE
7 - ARCHI McGEACHY
8 - SASHA BECVINOVSKI
9 - STEPHEN SMITH
10 - ARTUOR KIRISHIAN
11 - ANDREW ZINNI
12 - MICHAEL MAZZINI
13 - ANTHONY BUDINI
14 - DAVID IACOVITTI
15 - ROBERT TOMBOLATO
16 - DINO MIHOCIC
17 - JOHN PILLEMER
18 - GEORGE KARKALETSIS
19 - SEB EMMANUELLE
20 - ROBERT BRIAN



WEST ADELAIDE V MELBOURNE BUSC

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)
NSL CAREER RECORD:

P W D L F A

West Adelaide: 344 108 73 163 405 532

Melbourne BUSC: 122 51 27 44 155 148

West Adelaide HOME RECORD: 173 72 34 67 240 229

Melbourne BUSC AWAY RECORD: 62 19 14 29 63 84



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 6, West Adelaide 2, Melbourne BUSC 2 Drawn 2

FORM GUIDE: Raul Blanco's West Adelaide Sharks will be looking to put a damper on Melbourne Brunswick's return to the National League ranks when they clash in Adelaide. Brunswick's pre-season has been one they would rather forget. After a poor State League season, they faced one of the title favourites South Melbourne in the League Cup. Two heavy losses were not what the doctor ordered, but they at least know what they are up against in the coming months and can hopefully gain from it. West Adelaide once again could not get over the Adelaide City bogey, going out to their rivals in the Cup. Both sides have not played each other since 1988, the two teams sharing two wins a piece from six games played.

SCENARIO: The Sharks were virtually unbeatable at home last year and there is no reason for this change this season. Blanco has a good squad once again and has bought wisely in gaining the services of Slifkas from Heidelberg while he is still chasing Young Socceroo Marc Wingell from Perth Italia. Brunswick know they have a tough season ahead but will be keen to prove the knockers wrong. The Sharks should open their account with a win and if they can produce the flair of last season, should do it fairly comfortably.

An Old Dog In Wolves Clothing

by
Ray Gatt
of The Australian

Don't start writing the epitaph for ageless Wollongong City defender Mike O'Shea yet ... there's still a lot of fight left in the old dog.

Even though the personable, knockabout veteran is at an age, 33, when most footballers are ready to succumb to tired legs and the aches and pains, Mighty Mick is already looking to seasons beyond.

Thankfully, O'Shea will only retire from the game that has been his life when the right time comes. certainly he won't be dictated to by those who believe any footballer over 30 should be put to pasture.

"I still think I've got plenty to offer," O'Shea told *Simply Soccer*.

"I'm fit and well and as keen and enthusiastic as I

have ever been. Why should I give it away now?

"I love the game and training is not a chore. I want to play for another two seasons after this.

"As long as I am still enjoying it, I'll keep playing." Anyone who has watched O'Shea strut his stuff over the years, especially the last two seasons with the Wolves, will readily tell you he can still hack it with the best of them.

There isn't a coach in the CCSL who wouldn't give their right arm for a defender of the quality and class of Mike O'Shea. If there is a cleaner or stronger tackler in the league then I haven't seen him.

Wolves coach David Ratcliffe swears by the tall O'Shea, who does not carry an ounce of fat and still retains his trademark greyhound build.

Surprisingly, there is little wear and tear to show for 17 seasons in Australian soccer's premier championship.

A former St George junior, he came along for the roller coaster ride when the League was first formed in 1977.

Along with Adelaide City's Sergio Melta, Sydney Olympic's Gary Meier, Brisbane's Frank Pimblett and Melbourne Knight's Theo Selemidis, he remains the only survivor from that first competition.

And, he is hot on the tail of Melta's record for the most number of appearances in the League.

Melta, who is probably in his last season, has 385, while O'Shea has 344.

O'Shea, who runs his own automotive repairs business at Taren Point, is looking forward to this season - and hopefully a championship title.

He won several titles during his 12 seasons with St George - a stint broken by two seasons in 1980 and 1981 with Canberra.

Since he linked with the Wolves for the 1990/91

season, following the sad demise from the CCSL of St George, Mike has helped City to successive semi-final appearances.

They were eliminated by subsequent Champions Adelaide City in the first season and beat Parramatta eagles in the elimination semi last season before again going down to subsequent Grand Finalist, Adelaide City.

"We have lost a couple of players this season like Mike Smith and David Green but I think the replacements will do well," he said.

"David is a great coach and will have us up again there this season."

O'Shea says he sees a lot of future for Wollongong, especially with the emergence of several promising players.

"One only has to look at the likes of Matt Horsley, David Thomas and Mineo Boniteg - they are good, young players who will only get better with experience."

With Mike O'Shea behind these lads on the field they could not have a better teacher.

Leo Signs - and Scores

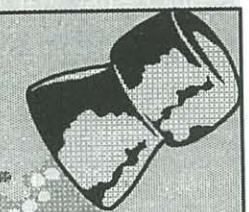
Former Canberra junior Leo Langone has been signed on professional terms after a successful trial period with Argentine club, River Plate.

Langone, a left sided midfielder, scored on his debut for the River Plate youth team in their match with Lanus.

Happy Birthday

to all CCSL stars who celebrate their birthdays over the next week. Cheers!

20th Pat Brodnik (Wollongong)
24th Steve Hickman (Olympic)
26th Theo Selemidis (Knights)
28th Frank Juric (Melbourne Knights)



When The Whistle Blows

with Alan Gordon

It seems almost inevitable that the standard of competition in the CCSL will drop; after all, how long can we keep on exporting our best players and also keep our league competition at a viable level?

Forever, I would say – or at least as long as really talented young players like Iocca, Juric, Tibaldi, Matassa and Talay keep on bursting through our club ranks.

Of all the players who have gone overseas in the last six months only David Seal could lay any claim to being a regular first team player, and he is hardly anything other than a lad.

Sealy has gained his experience in the CCSL because he made his league debut at 16 – because even then our clubs had progressive youth schemes in operation.

The proof of the pudding – if any is needed – is Sydney United where Manfred Schaefer has turned out the youngest team in the league, and also one of the best. Yet just one season ago that club was in turmoil after coach Mick Hickman walked out because the board refused, and now it seems rightly, to sign on experienced players.

Were those so-called experienced players any better than the young lads waiting in the wings to get their chance?

The main export category from Australian clubs isn't in our established players but rather young players – teenagers, often under the age of 18, who have shown exciting potential, but really little more than that.

Into that category you could list Bosnich, Kearton, and maybe also Okon, and now Carbone and Aloisi. Even players like Mitchell, Farina and Slater have improved out of sight with their European involvement.

These players will develop overseas simply because football is full time, coaches have more time to prepare, outstanding professionals from whom they can learn the tricks of the trade.

If Mark Bosnich had stayed in Australia he certainly wouldn't be the keeper that is now.

In the meantime the constant export of mainly youthful talent allows other players to come through and take that first time chance. It also allows the clubs concerned to deposit some badly needed dollars in the bank.

Without that revenue our game would be a lot poorer. That should see Australian soccer inching slowly towards the ultimate goal; full-time professionalism.

But before that dream is ever realised millions of dollars have to be poured into the game's infrastructure.

And that sort of money won't come through the turnstiles, for it seems that while soccer supporters will turn out in capacity numbers for top internationals, we are a long way off drawing big crowds at our club soccer.

The present average club gate isn't enough to support the game at our existing level let alone fantasize about full-time soccer. But every time a young player gets sold overseas our club soccer takes another step forward on that road.

Rasic Comes to Terms With Veart

The American sporting term *Most Valuable Player* is one of the very few expressions from that cliché-ridden country, that soccer might do well to adopt; it suits our game down to a tee, describing a player's contribution to the game in the most finite way.

Ask Rale Rasic which player in the CCSL he covets most, which player he would gladly sign if the conditions were right; whom he considers the *Most Valuable Player*.

I did, and the only surprise I got was how long he took to deliberate over his choice.

But the former Australian national coach, considered his options before almost whispering just two words.

"Carl Veart."

A further period of embarrassing pause followed before the Parramatta Eagles coach added; "but what a player."

"Veart is a deadly striker," and now you couldn't contain Rasic – he had a subject between his lips which he clearly enjoyed.

"Touch, the sniff for goals, he is in the right place at the right time – yes, I would have to say that if I could sign any player at all for Parramatta Eagles then it would be Carl Veart."

But Rasic wasn't finished and after another pause,

which seemed to be more for effect than reflection, he sliced in with the name of John Gibson, a young midfielder who is very much part of the current Sydney United success story.

Ironical then that Gibson should find himself on opposite sides to his admirer in last weekend's Cup Final.

Gibson is one of those talents which lights up the CCSL – an ability to bring the ball under control with one touch before quickly dispatching his pass to deadly effect.

But he can also run at opponents too, as he often does.

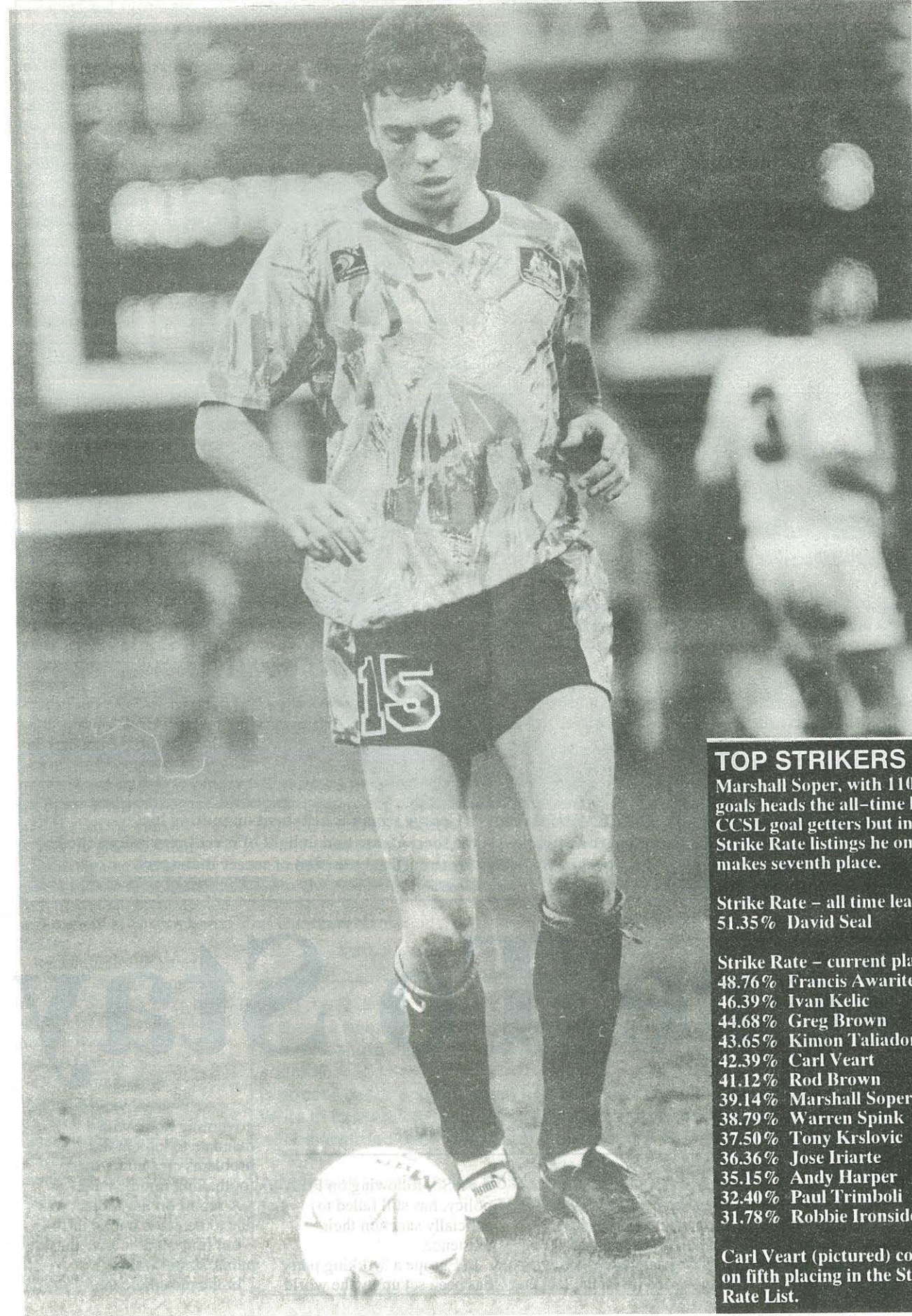
All up he adds another *most valuable* option to the Sydney United team.

Gibson also comes good with another American term – *Strike Rate*, for the United star comes in with a very creditable career average of 21.05%. That's a goal every five games, not a bad record at all.

Naturally, Veart has a much higher average – 42.39% – which is one of the reasons why Rasic so clearly values him.

Despite his youth, Veart has scored nearly a goal every second game, an average he maintains at *Coca-Cola* Socceroo level also.

Bruce Campbell



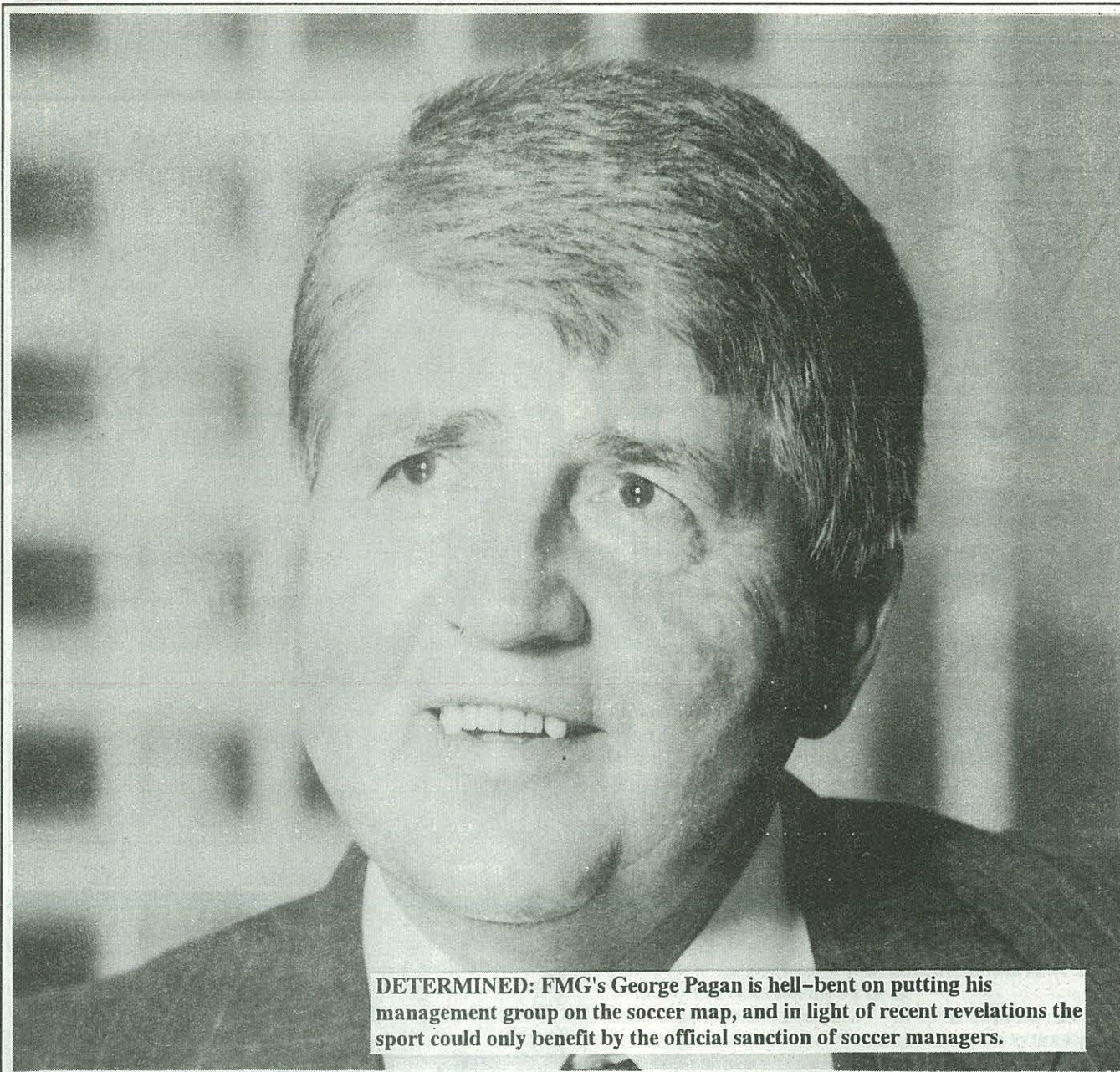
TOP STRIKERS

Marshall Soper, with 110 goals heads the all-time list of CCSL goal getters but in the Strike Rate listings he only makes seventh place.

Strike Rate – all time leader
51.35% David Seal

Strike Rate – current players
48.76% Francis Awaritefe
46.39% Ivan Kelic
44.68% Greg Brown
43.65% Kimon Taliadoros
42.39% Carl Veart
41.12% Rod Brown
39.14% Marshall Soper
38.79% Warren Spink
37.50% Tony Krslovic
36.36% Jose Iriarte
35.15% Andy Harper
32.40% Paul Trimboli
31.78% Robbie Ironside

Carl Veart (pictured) comes in on fifth placing in the Strike Rate List.



DETERMINED: FMG's George Pagan is hell-bent on putting his management group on the soccer map, and in light of recent revelations the sport could only benefit by the official sanction of soccer managers.

Here To Stay

by Bruce Campbell

In a sport which, even in Australia, is rapidly becoming big bucks, they still stand as the forgotten men, with many administrators, for the time being, pretending that they just don't exist.

They are the player agents, the management consultants

who are helping to turn a social sport of massive proportions into a multi million dollar business.

Player agents are here to stay – even given the fact that

the ASF, following on FIFA policy, has still failed to officially sanction their existence.

In Europe a 'working party' has been set up by the world

governing body with a mandate to look at the problems created by these footballing middle men.

A report on the subject was due to be made public in June – but four months later the public is still waiting.

In the meantime the

managers and agents are getting on with business as usual, occasionally hitting the headlines as happened with the 'English Aussies' transfer scandal, but more often than not just getting on with life behind the scenes.

And in Australia a small but growing band of management groups is working hard to further the interests of their clients.

One such group is the Brisbane-based Football Management Group which looks after the interests of players such as Troy Cranney and Glen Gwynne (now transferred to Sydney CCSL club, Parramatta Eagles).

FMG has spread its net into Europe where Director George Pagan recently established links in Scotland and Germany.

"There is a growing awareness of our players overseas," said Pagan after a recent trip which saw him fly to Scotland, England and Germany.

"But we have to make sure that the players – and of course their Australian clubs – get a good deal."

Without an agent a player often has to contend with club officials alone, some of whom act without any interest in the player's future needs unless they coincide with that of the club.

Tales of Aussie junior players signing on as 'professionals' merely for a pair of football boots are too well known to be dismissed lightly.

Recently *Inside Sport* published an article on what it called 'Soccer's slave trade' written by former *Australian Soccer Weekly* journalist, Robert Galvin.

Despite numerous inaccuracies and shallow research the article at least illustrated the need for players to start to come to terms with the realities of contractual obligations.

At the same time the article, published in a magazine which is well known for its reluctance to report on

soccer, drew a knee-jerk reaction from within the game's heirarchy.

That such a publication should publish a 'soccer dirty linen' article when better subjects such as Australia's World Cup campaign appear on the horizon might suggest to some that an interest in the well being of soccer players comes secondary to sensationalism.

However, it is true that a better balance must be worked towards in the sharing out of football funds generated from overseas transfers.

In England, tales are rife of transfer deals done in motorway service stations by club managers with thousands of pounds passed under the counter between unscrupulous officials.

In this atmosphere, shady agents have also feathered their financial nests with easy pickings, their only service to the sport being acting as talent scouts for club managers looking for a quick return in the transfer market.

Australia '93 witnessed an influx of scouts and agents all looking for a quick buck by signing up the youth stars of third world countries.

It is this sort of activity that the authorities can no longer turn a blind eye to; agents must be licensed and their activities controlled.

Another step along the road to greater professionalism occurred with the establishment of the



TROY CRANNEY: Brisbane's Player of the Year heads the FMG stable of players.

Australian Soccer Players Association (ASPA) last season.

The fledgling group, spearheaded by Brendan Schwab, is expected to develop into a significant voice in the near future, with the furtherance of the rights of players their only aim.

It all points to a situation which needs to be brought under the one umbrella.

Players Associations, management groups and even the soccer press have a very

real contribution to make to the growth of the game in this country.

While some may pretend that these groups don't exist the fact of life is that they do.

An hour spent in conversation with Pagan and his co-director John Kerr is proof of their knowledge and commitment to the game.

To ignore their very existence is stupidity, for as FMG's George Pagan says: "We are here to stay."

What Do You Think?

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Melbourne's New Dynamo

by
Michael Komadina

New Melbourne Knights coach Mirko Bazic is hoping to put his vast experience to good use this season with the southern club - and the prize at the end of the season being a place in the finals and a tilt at a championship which has so far eluded them.

"This team has never been first, so it is my ambition to achieve the best possible results and fight for the top honours at the end of the season," says Bazic.

"After so many years it is about time that Melbourne Knights won."

"I was pleased to accept the invitation of the club committee to come to Australia to coach - it's such a nice and beautiful country."

The 54 year-old Bazic has already experienced

coaching outside of his native Croatia with spells in both America and Canada.

"I have been coaching for the last twenty five years, spells that have seen me in charge of teams in the top three divisions in the then Yugoslavia.

"I also spent three years with Dynamo Zagreb when the club was never out of the top three."

Bazic's arrival in Australia was delayed by immigration formalities, a delay which only gave him two weeks to prepare his new charges for the Dockerty and League Cups.

Not surprisingly, the Knights exited both tournaments, but Bazic doesn't see that hindering him in his ultimate goal.

"I am sure that we will be fighting for a place in the Top Six when the time comes around," predicts the new coach.

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PLAYER UPDATE

Transfers recorded since Issue 3 Volume 2, including corrections. All details were believed correct at the time of going to press.

MELBOURNE BRUNSWICK

Seb Emmanuele (from Fawkner \$7,500)

George Karkaletsis (from Fawkner, \$7,500)

MORWELL FALCONS

Steve Douglas (from Albion)

Ahmet Gurpiner (from Yak, Cyprus)

John Markovski (from Preston, \$25,000)

NEWCASTLE BHP BREAKERS

Neil Owens (from Adamstown Rosebud)

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Glen Sprod (from Newcastle Breakers)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Norman Tome

OVERSEAS UPDATE

Argentina

Leo Langone (Canberra Olympic - River Plate)

England

Craig Moore (AIS - Arsenal)

Adem Poric (St George - Sheffield Wednesday \$140,000)

... EXILE UPDATE

Poric's recent signing by Sheffield Wednesday brings the number of Aussies playing with English League clubs to 15. That figure includes Davie Mitchell who is expected to sign with Millwall this week after negotiations with the two Glasgow clubs, Rangers and Celtic, appeared to have broken down.

Poric, a former Young Socceroo, has spent the last two years in England trialling with various clubs in the hope of signing a contract. He was recently back in Australia for a holiday during which time he coached under John Kosmina at the Warringah Coaching Clinic.

His transfer is the fifth highest involving an Aussie this year - the record so far being David Seal's \$250,000 move to Belgian Second Division side, Aalst.

AUSSIERS PLAYING IN ENGLAND

Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa)

Jon Brady (Swansea City)*

Anthony Carbone (Nottingham Forest)

Tony Dorigo (Leeds United)

John Filan (Cambridge)

Richard Johnson (Watford)

Jason Kearton (Everton)

Jason Knight (West Ham Utd)

David Mitchell

Craig Moore (Arsenal)

Shaun Murphy (Notts County)

David Oldfield (Leicester City)

Andy Pettersen (Luton Town)

Adem Poric (Sheffield Wednesday)


Frank Talia (Blackburn Rovers)





Boot Room Goss

 **Heard on the grapevine at Blacktown City - one of their players, who has been ignored by CCSL clubs, is on his way to Hong Kong. Any coincidence that Alan Reis is already playing in the Crown Colony?**

 **Freddie Kruys could soon be on his way from Wollongong City. Things haven't clicked since his arrival from Holland via Brisbane Lions and the former Dutch Youth international might be heading for a Sydney club. Kruys has been playing wide on the flank - he was a hit in the Queensland XXXX League with Brisbane Lions playing as a conventional midfielder.**

 **South Melbourne may give in to skipper Paul Wade's request for a permanent midfield spot. That would be good news for teenager Mike Valkanis who could get the centre back shirt if Wade moves back into his usual role. Valkanis looked good when he came on as a sub against Morwell Falcons in the Cup, although coach Jim Pyrgolios is desperate for Wade's height and aerial power at the back of his defence.**

 **SBS unwittingly hit on a 'winning' formula when they broadcast World Cup games from Holland and Italy last week. Les Murray seemed to be stunned into embarrassed silence as the panel 'Tom and Jerry' show got underway. Tony Palumbo provided insight into the Italian and Dutch football in his usual articulate and very knowledgeable fashion while Tommy Anderson (one in a very long list of former *Australian Soccer Weekly* Editors) backed up. Anderson's claims that Scottish stand-in boss Craig Brown was a "nobody" and this was "a Scottish joke" rated highly on the amusement scale. Murray and Palumbo seemed caught in the whirlwind tirade from Anderson who once played professional football in Wales with Wrexham.**

 **Sydney Olympic are expected to complete the transfers of Brad Maloney and Ivan Kelic in time for this weekend's match against Morwell Falcons. Maloney was linked with Manfred Schaefer at Sydney United during the close season - a pairing which was fuelled by the fact the Maloney played under Schaefer at Leichhardt Tigers during the winter. But Olympic are rumoured to have offered better terms and Maloney, who makes no secret of wanting to play overseas, looks set to opt for the better deal.**

 **Expect a few transfers westwards in the next two months as the Perth challenge for the Singapore League gathers pace.**

The Parrot



Steve Darby's

Steve Darby is a former English professional football player, and coach. He is currently employed as National Development Officer for the Australian Soccer Federation. If you would like any information on junior soccer or any of the articles contained in this column, you can contact Steve, or any of the State Development Officers, by writing to; the Australian Soccer Federation, 23-25 Frederick Street, Rockdale, NSW.

In this, the second of our series aimed at our future Australian international players, Steve Darby explains some of the background of his work as National Development Officer.

The Australian Soccer Federation has a planned Development Programme which has basic and broad aims, these being;

1. To increase the participation in the game of soccer.
2. To increase the number and quality of the beginner coach network.
3. To raise the profile of elite players and help increase attendance at Coca-Cola Soccer League and International matches.
4. To provide resources which support the development of soccer.

To achieve these aims a series of programmes has been developed and they are implemented all around the country by a team of talented State Development Officers.

The programmes, in summary, are;

- School visits
- School Competition
- Aussie Sport Expo
- Coaching Clinics
- Shopping Centre promotions
- Teacher In Service
- CAPS Programme
- RooBall
- Club/Association Visits
- Sportsfun

NAME THE PHANTOM

The answer to last week's quiz was Warren Spink.

- Level O Coaching

In case any parents of our potential stars didn't know about these programmes, here is a brief explanation. It's a good chance that the boys and girls themselves know all about them!

School Visits

ASF Players and Staff, State Development Officers and CCSL Development Officers will enter schools by invitation and conduct

school is left with the impression that the visit is;

1. educational,
2. professionally organised,
3. worthwhile to be repeated.

School Competitions

The Australian Secondary Schools Soccer Association (ASSA) is the formal body affiliated to the ASF.

It conducts national competitions for individual schools and at state championship levels, leading

These clinics operate on an economic basis, any profits being re-invested to obtain capital equipment and pay qualified coaches.

The syllabus for the clinics is closely monitored ensuring that the coaching material is commensurate with the playing ability of the player.

The ASF considers it essential that it gives 'value for money' in this area and that the product is worthwhile.

Shopping Centre Promotions

Shopping centres are utilised to promote the game of soccer to the 'non captured audience'. Elite players from CCSL clubs and State Federations perform and conduct skill competitions.

Soccer related prizes are given away and often these promotions have been integrated with registration days to promote participation.

Teacher In Service

Local education authorities organise in-service days and State Federations are invited to attend with a qualified instructor coach.

The teachers are left with instructional material (three relevant ASF publications).

Level 0/1 coaching courses are also organised by State Federations for teachers to ensure that there is long term development of the game within the school environment.

It is a fact that over 90% of teachers in primary school will be female by the year 2000 and it is therefore essential that the game is

to the Australian Schoolboys and Schoolgirls National Team.

The programme complements similar ASF programmes.

Aussie Sports Expos

Aussie Sport Expos are organised by State Government Junior Sport Development Units, and soccer is invited to attend the sessions.

They are based upon the school visit format, with rotating groups of children from a wide range of schools.

Coaching Clinics

In school holiday periods State Federations and CCSL clubs operate holiday clinics.



coaching clinics.

These clinics will include a 30 minute planned sequentially developed skill-based coaching session, followed by a shorter talk/autograph session.

Each child is left with an appropriate soccer reminder e.g. sticker. The school is left with soccer related material e.g. posters, brochures, videos, books.

There is also an attempt to either in-service the teacher and/or encourage him/her to attend a Level 0/1 coaching course.

It is important that the

JUNIOR SOCCEROOS

made non-threatening to these key people.

CAPS Scheme

The Challenge Achievement and Pathways in Sport (CAPS) Scheme is an Australian Sports Commission programme aimed at reducing the teenage drop-out rate. Soccer is an integral part of this long term programme.

Soccer is initiating pilot programmes to develop the concept and honorariums are being given to support co-ordinators of RooBall.

The conception, launch and marketing of the game of RooBall is the primary drive behind participation growth.

By 1993 RooBall will be the uniform modified game played throughout Australia. It serves two capacities.

Firstly, as a vehicle for the educational philosophies that the ASF is attempting to promote. These being;

- equal opportunity
- maximum participation
- skill development
- fun

These philosophies, the ASF believes, are not only beneficial to the development of the child but will encourage and promote participation.

Time Frame:

- 1991 Conception and Launch (National and State)
- 1992 Education Year
- 1993 Implementation as ASF policy
- 1993 Consolidation and Education programmes

Club/Association Visits

Junior club and Association visits are conducted by CCSL Development Officers and State Development Officers on a similar basis to school visits.

The emphasis on these programmes is more skill-based than promotional due to the playing ability of the audience.

Sportsfun

In this programme, State Federation staff train senior High School students to act as Sportsfun leaders.

The leaders, in turn, conduct clinics for Primary School children.

The programme is geared towards the less talented player. Government resource production is, however, excellent.

National Teams Regional Visits

This programme is two-fold. Firstly, it will serve as a preparation for the ASF youth teams and secondly it will act as an opportunity to extend our 'Hero Programme' and take tangible examples of success stories to the country children and country administrators.

The objective is for a youth team (either Under 17 or Under 20) and National Staff to visit every state once per year, and spend nine days in a specified region in that state to;

1. Play matches against appropriate opposition
2. Train in a public area
3. Attend coaching clinics conducted by local staff
4. Attend appropriate functions
5. Liaise with local media
6. Conduct clinics for local coaches by National Staff

This programme will be prepared in consultation with the National Coaches.

Level 0/1 Coaching Programme

The beginner coach is a vital

part of soccer. If the quality of a beginner coach is poor, then the young player may well turn to another sport.

It is essential, then, that we support the beginner coach in every way possible, the two supporting mechanisms being education programmes and resources.

The educational programme for the beginner coach is the ASF Level 0/1 Coaching Course. The ultimate aim is that by 1995 every person who coaches a young soccer player has passed through a body of knowledge which includes child development and skill-based learning.

The support resource for the beginner coach is a simple coaching book which contains the syllabus of the Level 0/1 Coaching Course and a battery of ideas for coaching. (Coaching Soccer)

It is hoped that the above two methods will both encourage beginner coach involvement and also lengthen their involvement in

coaching.

Time Frame;
1991 Level 0 Syllabus written

Level 0 Instructors notes written and produced, Level 0 Coaching Certificates designed and produced, Level 0 Coaching Book for candidates written and produced.

1992 Instructors trained. 1993/94 Education and advertising programmes in conjunction with ASC and ACC.

1995 Minimum coaching requirements at Level 0.

The State Development Officers are a talented pool of people who are often International players. Over the next few weeks they will be writing about their own programmes as each state varies in geography, population and economics.

So watch out for what our young players are doing at the grass roots of the game.

State Development Officers

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South Australia

Greg Brown (Coca-Cola Socceroo); (08) 340 0688

Charlie Villani (Coca-Cola Socceroo)

Tasmania

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Western Australia

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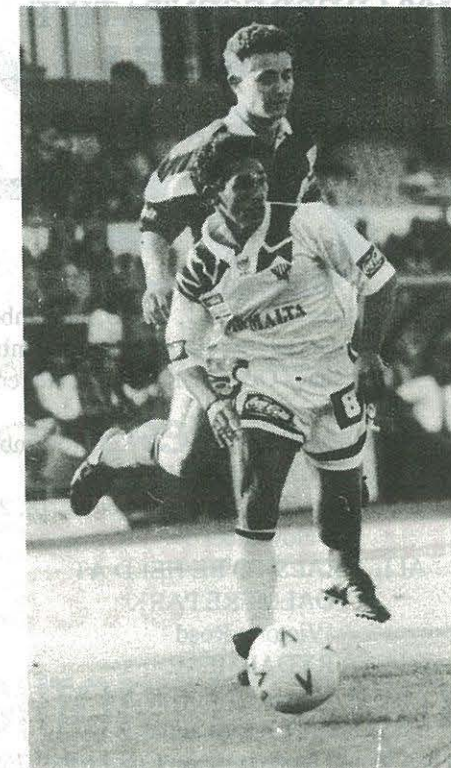
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PARRAMATTA EAGLES 2 (Kupresak o.g.
42, Renaud 85)
SYDNEY UNITED 0
Half Time: 1-0
Marconi Stadium, Sydney. 17 October 1993
Yellow Cards: Stanton, Popovic, Gomez.
Referee: Eugene Brazzale
Attendance: 4,156

Parramatta Eagles;
P Gunning, Ciantar, Gwynne, Gomez, Koch,
Orlic, Sprod, Mendez (Renaud 71), Soper,
Moffitt, Spiteri. Coach: Rale Rasic

Sydney United;
Kalac, Stanton, Kupresak, Popovic, Babic,
Milicevic, Petkovic, Krslovic, Jermen (Zdrilic
57), Gibson, Milicic (Mori 53). Coach: Manfred
Schaefer.



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The Australian Soccer Federation launched the Coca-Cola Soccer League season of 1993 - 1994 last Tuesday at the Novatel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands in the form of a Beach Party.

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St. GEORGE RELEGATED

The N.S.W. Soccer Federation, last Tuesday night announced that one of the games greatest club, St. George would be forced to be humiliated once again by being relegated even further, to Division 1 NSW State League.

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